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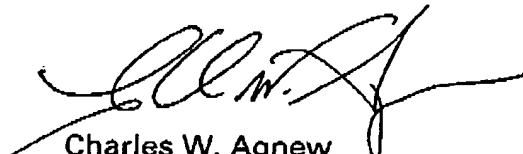
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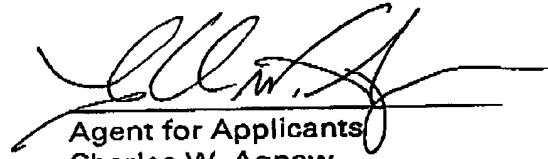
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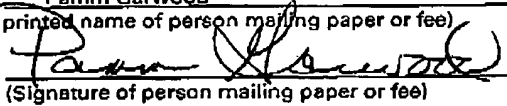
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This is an amendment and response to issues raised in the Office action dated May 5, 2004 (Paper No.40) following Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed February 18, 2004 and further in response to the Office action of March 1, 2007 which held that applicants' amendment of August 11, 2006 was not fully responsive. An interview was conducted between Applicants' representatives and Mr. Willse and Mr. Blanco at the USPTO on April 15, 2004 in which suggested claim language was discussed. In response to the Office action and interview, Applicants request that the claims be amended as follows:

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